

**CITY OF LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
LONG BEACH SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**June 17, 2004**

Location:

Long Beach Senior Center  
1150 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Higginson, Chair, called the meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission to order at 9:00 a.m., at the Long Beach Senior Center.

**II. FLAG SALUTE** – Commissioner Higginson, Chair

**III. ROLL CALL / WELCOME OF GUESTS**

The following Commissioners responded to roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Patricia Bergendahl, 6<sup>th</sup> District - Excused  
Barbara Bolin, 9<sup>th</sup> District  
Rose Cabanban, 7<sup>th</sup> District  
Betty Davenport, 5<sup>th</sup> District - Excused  
Florence Dodge, 3<sup>rd</sup> District - Excused  
Teodoro Felix, 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Harold Goetz, 5<sup>th</sup> District – Termed Out

Rabbi Sidney Guthman, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Nancy Higginson, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Mary Hernandez, 7<sup>th</sup> District  
Teresa Munoz, 2<sup>nd</sup> District - Excused  
Lu Wall, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Robert Wenke, 3<sup>rd</sup> District - Resigned  
Berry Yolken, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

Staff

Belem Solis, Superintendent  
Shelley Hellen, Community Services Supervisor  
Del Ransom, Clerk II

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 20, 2004**

The May 20, 2004 Senior Citizen Advisory Commission Minutes were approved as mailed.

**V. GUEST SPEAKER (S)**

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission had no Guest Speakers for the month of June.

## **VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission had no Public Discussion for the month of June.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Frances Emily Dawson-Harris, Citizens' Advisory Commission on Disabilities (C.A.C.O.D), Transportation Committee sent a reply letter regarding "Fueling for Seniors."

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission read the letter, received by Mrs. Dawson-Harris and was pleased with their findings.

- B. Postcard from Candido Manal, wishing the Commission a Happy Easter.

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission decided to send Mr. Manal a "thank you" card.

- C. Ada Miller, Handicap Placard

The Senior Citizen Advisory Commission decided to refer Mrs. Miller's, "handicap placard" complaint to the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Disabilities (C.A.C.O.D).

## **VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. Legislation – Commissioner Teresa Munoz

The Legislation Committee had nothing to Report.

- B. Transportation – Commissioner Nancy Higginson

Commissioner Higginson distributed her report on the April 29, 2004 minutes of the Long Beach Transportation Company. In this report it discussed how the General Manager would be authorized to enter into an agreement with Taxi Systems Inc. for a five year period (three year base with two, one year options) for the provision of Dial a Lift Services at a cost not to exceed \$ 1,115,000, for the first year of the contract term.

- C. Health Care – Commissioner Berry Yolken

Commissioner Yolken informed the Commission that he has reviewed the final draft of the "Strategic Plan" and it has been submitted to graphics. He also, informed the Commission that the plan is a 50-page document.

D. Housing – Commissioner Teodoro Felix

Commissioner Felix informed the Commission of the article “L.B. May Cut Housing Subsidies.” In this article, it told of how the City may be forced to reduce rental assistance to low-income residents to deal with a \$ 700,000 shortfall in Housing and Urban Development funding, a move that could raise the rents of more than 6,000 Long Beach residents by as much as 15 percent.

E. Safety and Crime Prevention – Commissioner Patricia Bergendahl

The Safety and Crime Prevention Committee had nothing to Report.

F. Quality of Life and Leisure – Commissioner Florence Dodge

The Legislation Committee had nothing to Report.

G. Community Relations – Commissioner Betty Davenport

The Legislation Committee had nothing to Report.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**X. NEW BUSINESS**

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**XI. STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Shelley Hellen, Community Services Supervisor, reported on senior activities at the Long Beach Senior Center, which included: The Father’s Day Celebration to be held on June 18, “A Laugh a Day Seminar to be held on June 22, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration on Friday, July 2, in the Long Beach Senior Center Auditorium.

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Higginson introduced and welcomed the new Commissioner, Mary Hernandez.

Commissioner Wall announced the Citywide Senior trip to Old Town, San Diego on Thursday, September 16, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. There is a \$ 16.00 fee for this trip.

### **XIII. NEXT MEETING**

The Executive Board meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2004 at 10:00 a.m., at the Long Beach Senior Center. In attendance will be Commissioners Berry Yolken, Lu Wall, and Rose Cabanban. Commissioner Nancy Higginson will be out of town.

The General meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission will be held on Thursday, July 15, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., at the Long Beach Senior Center, 1150 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Long Beach, CA 90802.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Higginson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m. and proceeded with the Pot Luck in honor of Commissioner Harold Goetz's dedicated services to the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission, for the past eight years.